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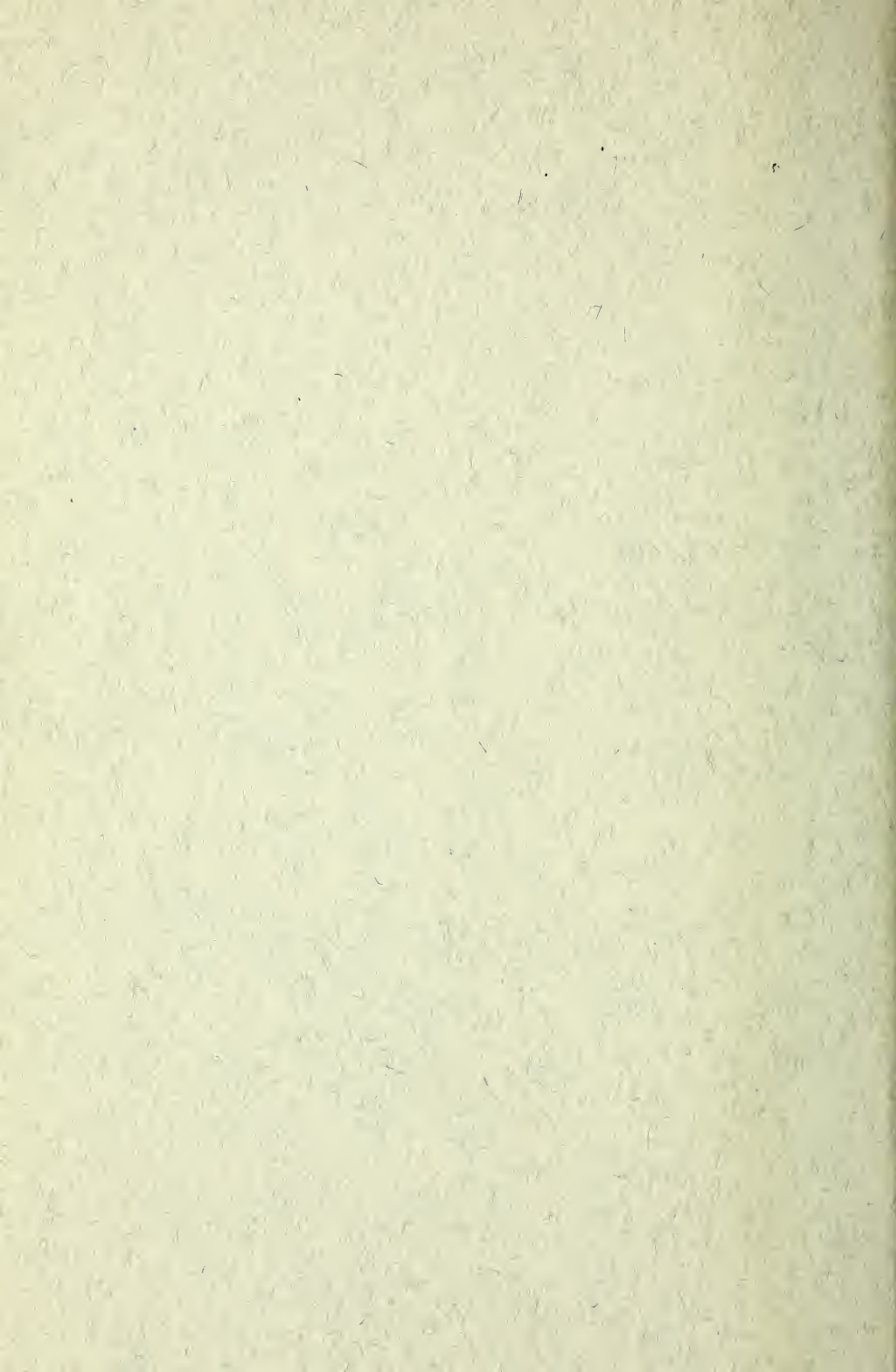
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BOOK ONE



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The Union meeting of the 4th Union met at Saratoga Church in Wilson County on June 28, 1902. Elder S. W. Davis preached.

The Union was organized by choosing Elders S. W. Davis, Moderator and J. T. Bundy, Clerk. A. S. Eason was made treasurer of the Union. Devotions by Elder C. E. Orton.

The churches represented at this Union were Watery Branch, Antioch, Saratoga, and Otters Creek who had Sunday Schools. Aspin Grove and Harrell's Chapel did not have a Sunday School then.

J. T. Bundy was paid fifty-cents for his services as clerk.

The list of ministers as of December 29, 1905, were J. A. Sugg, Snow Hill, North Carolina, R. E. Edmundson, Snow Hill, N. C., W. W. O. Bagley, Saratoga, North Carolina, D. A. Windham, Saratoga, A. Tyson, Farmville, J. T. Bundy, Saratoga, W. C. Stewart, Speights Bridge, N. C., R. F. D. 2, Box 32.

The Union met at Aspin Grove on August 30, 1902. Elder C. E. Orton preached and was elected Moderator, G. W. Davis assistant Moderator.

Churches representing at this Union were Watery Branch, Antioch, Saratoga, Aspin Grove, Otters Creek, and Friendship. There was \$6.05 in treasury at this Union.

The next Union met at Otter's Creek with Elder G. W. Davis to preach. We have no records of minutes of this meeting.

A Union was held at Friendship, Greene County, with Elder J. T. Bundy preaching. Elder A. Barrough was chosen Moderator. No date.

We have no record of the Union meeting at Otters Creek in 1902. The Union met at Friendship between 1902 and July 1904. The date is unknown. There seems to be about a year that the Union was inactive. If this is true the Union held at Spring Branch, 1904, was a reorganization of the Union.

The next Union we have a record of was held at Spring Branch in July of 1904, on Friday before 5th Sunday. Elder E. B. Hart preached and was elected Moderator. The form of business offered by J. T. Bundy was accepted. A Free Union's name was listed with L. D. Mooring as delegate. (County not listed.)

On Friday before 5th Sunday in October, 1904, the Union met at Saratoga. Elder D. A. Windham preached and was elected Moderator.

A ten-cent Fund was changed to Church Extension Fund. J. D. Eason was appointed treasurer pro tem.

A recommendation for churches to organize as soon as possible and have Sunday School literature printed, was offered and accepted at this Union.

The Union met on Friday before 5th Sunday in January, 1905, at Antioch Church. Elder J. T. Bundy preached. Elder C. E. Orton was elected Moderator. J. T. Bundy and R. E. Edmundson were appointed to investigate the churches to see which were in need of repair the most.

The Union met Saturday before 5th Sunday in April, 1905. Elder W. M. Bagley preached. Elder C. E. Orton was elected Moderator.

All churches were urged to deal openly with members using strong drink.

Friendship was made a mission point at this seating of the Union.

Communion services were held at this Union.

The next Union was held at Harrell's Chapel on Saturday before 5th Sunday in July, 1905. Elder D. A. Windham preached and was elected Moderator.

The next union met at Spring Branch on Friday before 5th Sunday in October, 1905. Elder J. A. Sugg preached. Elder R. E. Edmundson was elected moderator. J. T. Bundy resigned as clerk and L. H. C. Best was appointed in his place.

Brother J. T. Bundy had been clerk since the union has been reorganized. The union thanked Brother Bundy for his faithfulness to the union.

The union requested parents to take their children to Sunday School.

During this time the union was sent to a church each time.

The union met at Watery Branch on Friday before 5th Sunday in December, 1905. Elder A. Tyson was elected moderator. Elder W. M. Bagley preached.

A. S. Eason, who had been treasurer of the union since it was organized, resigned. The union expressed its thanks to him for his faithful service. At the request of Bro. Eason, Bro. J. H. West was appointed treasurer.

The union met at Friendship on Friday, April 27, 1906. Elder W. C. Stewart preached and was elected moderator, Elder A. Tyson assistant moderator.

A committee of six was appointed to draw up resolutions for the union. They were Elders W. M. Bagley, W. C. Stewart, R. E. Edmundson, R. F. Beamon, J. D. Eason, and J. B. Overman.

Communion service was held at this union, including feet washing.

On July 27, 1906, the union met at Saratoga. Elder W. C. Stewart preached and was elected moderator. Elder R. E. Edmundson assistant moderator.

The union met on Friday, September 28, 1906, at Antioch. Elder R. E. Edmundson preached and was elected moderator. A. Tyson his assistant.

The Lord's Supper was observed at this union.

On December 28, 1906 the union met at Harrell's Chapel. Elder J. T. Bundy preached and was elected moderator. Elder R. E. Edmundson assistant moderator, and J. S. Marshburn, Clerk pro tem.

A Missionary Society was to be organize in all the churches of the union and to send a man to Edgecombe County to preach and pay him out of the Missionary money.

Two Sunday School Missionaries were appointed to organize Sunday Schools in every neighborhood where there were none. D. A. Windham and D. R. Jones were appointed.

The union met at Spring Branch on Friday before 5th Sunday in March, 1907. Elder J. A. Sugg preached and was elected moderator. R. R. Bailey, Clerk pro tem.

The Sunday School urged the people of the union to use our Sunday School literature published at the Free Will Baptist Publishing Company at Ayden, North Carolina. This is the first record we have of Sunday School literature being published for our churches in the union.

The union met at Aspin Grove on Friday before 5th Sunday in July, 1907. Elder A. Tyndall preached and elected moderator. Elder J. T. Bundy the assistant. R. Owens, treasurer pro tem. Members were urged to send their children to the Seminary in Ayden.

The union met at Harrell's Chapel on September 27, 1907. Elder J. A. Sugg preached and was elected moderator. Sister Flossie Quant preached at this union.

The union met at Friendship on Friday, December 27, 1907. Elder Allen Tyndall preached and was elected moderator, Elder R. E. Edmundson assistant moderator.

Brother A. S. Eason resigned as treasurer and the union extended their thanks to him for his faithful service. R. R. Bailey was elected in Bro. Eason's place.

At this union, petitions for the union were received instead of sending the union to a church.

On March 28, 1908 the union met at Antioch. Elder A. Tyson preached and was elected moderator, Elder J. A. Sugg assistant. At this union, Bro. R. R. Bailey was elected clerk and served longer than anyone else in the union's history.

The union met at Walnut Creek on May 29, 1908. Elder A. Tyson preached and was elected moderator. Elder R. E. Edmundson assistant. J. W. Rollins, Clerk pro tem.

On Friday before 5th Sunday in August, 1908, the union met at Watery Branch. Elder R. E. Edmundson preached and was elected moderator, Elder J. A. Sugg assistant. J. E. Bailey, Clerk pro tem. Brother J. B. Edmundson, treasurer pro tem.

The union met at Harrell's Chapel on Friday before 5th Sunday in November, 1908. Elder R. E. Edmundson preached and was elected moderator, Elder J. A. Sugg assistant.

The union met at Saratoga on January 29, 1909. Elder R. E. Edmundson preached and was elected moderator, Elder A. Tyndall assistant. A resolution passed at this union was "That each Sabbath School try to have spiritual men and women for officers and teachers."

The union met at Otter's Creek on May 28, 1909. Elder A. Tyndall preached and was elected moderator, Elder J. T. Bundy assistant.

The union met at Spring Branch on Friday before 5th Sunday in August, 1909. Elder J. A. Sugg preached and was elected moderator, Elder R. E. Edmundson assistant.

The union met on October 29, 1909, at Friendship. Elder R. E. Edmundson preached and was elected moderator, Elder A. Tyson assistant.

The union met at Aspin Grove on January the 28th, 1910. Elder A. Tyndall preached and was elected moderator, Elder R. E. Edmundson assistant.

On May 27, 1910 the union met at Antioch. Elder E. B. Hart preached and was elected moderator, Elder R. E. Edmundson assistant.

The union met on July 29, 1910, at Harrell's Chapel. Elder R. E. Edmundson preached and was elected moderator, Elder E. B. Hart assistant.

The union met at Walnut Creek on October 28, 1910. Elder A. Tyson preached and was elected moderator, Elder R. E. Edmundson assistant. At this union Aspin Grove was dropped as a Mission Point.

The union met at Saratoga on January 27, 1911. Elder A. Tyson preached and was elected moderator, Elder A. Tyndall assistant.

The union met at Watery Branch on April 28, 1911. Elder R. E. Edmundson preached and was elected moderator. Elder A. Tyndall assistant.

On July 28, 1911 the union met at Spring Branch. Elder A. Tyndall preached and was elected moderator, Elder R. E. Edmundson assistant. They voted not to accept the 2nd union's invitation to join them unanimously.

The union met at Otters Creek on October 27, 1911. Elder E. B. Hart preached and was elected moderator, Elder R. E. Edmundson assistant.

The union met at Antioch on December 29, 1911. Elder A. Tyson preached and was elected moderator, Elder R. E. Edmundson assistant.

The union met on Friday night (due to rain) on March 29, 1912 at Friendship. Elder A. Tyson preached and was elected moderator, Elder R. E. Edmundson assistant. The Sabbath School Committee recommended "The Churches of this Conference organize into districts and have Mass Meetings as often as once a year and study Vocal Music."

The Union met at Saratoga on June 28, 1912. Elder E. B. Hart preached and was elected moderator, Elder R. E. Edmundson assistant.

The union met at Aspin Grove on September 27, 1912. Elder E. B. Hart preached and was elected moderator, Elder R. E. Edmundson assistant.

The union met on Friday night (due to rain), December 27, 1912, at Walnut Creek. Elder A. Tyndall preached and was elected moderator, Elder R. E. Edmundson assistant.

The union met at Harrell's Chapel on Friday, March 27, 1913. Elder R. E. Edmundson preached and was elected moderator, Elder E. B. Hart assistant.

The union met at Watery Branch on June 27, 1913. Elder R. E. Edmundson preached and was elected moderator, Elder A. Tyson assistant.

The union met at Otter's Creek on August 29, 1913. Elder R. E. Edmundson preached and was elected moderator, Elder J. T. Bundy assistant.

The union met at Spring Branch on November 28, 1913. Elder J. T. Bundy preached and was elected moderator, Elder R. E. Edmundson assistant.

Elder J. T. Bundy was to go to Macclesfield every 3rd Sunday and preach. The union was to pay him for his services.

The Union met at Antioch on March 27, 1914. Elder A. Tyson preached and was elected moderator, Elder E. B. Hart assistant.

The union met at Friendship on May 29, 1914. Elder R. E. Edmundson preached and was elected moderator, Elder A. Tyson assistant.

The union met at Saratoga on August 28, 1914. Elder J. T. Bundy preached and was elected moderator, Elder R. E. Edmundson assistant.

Free Union was received into the union at this seating of the union and their name was added to the list of churches. F. D. Walston was Free Union's delegate. The union voted to take 2 shares of stock in the Free Will Baptist Publishing Co., at Ayden, and paid for them to Elder J. C. Griffin.

The union met at Aspin Grove on November 27, 1914. Elder R. E. Edmundson preached and was elected moderator, Elder A. Tyndall assistant. The union sent the clerk to stockholders meeting of the Free Will Baptist Press to represent them at this seating.

The union met at Harrell's Chapel on January 29, 1915. Elder R. E. Edmundson preached and was elected moderator and Elder A. Tyndall assistant.

The union met at Otter's Creek on May 28, 1915. Elder A. Tyson preached and was elected moderator, Elder R. E. Edmundson assistant.

The union met at Walnut Creek on August 27, 1915. Elder A. Tyson preached and was elected moderator, Elder A. Tyndall assistant.

The union met at Antioch on October 29, 1915. Elder T. H. Barnhill preached and was elected moderator, Elder E. B. Hart assistant.

On January 28, 1916, the union met at Spring Branch. Elder A. Tyson preached and was elected moderator, Elder J. T. Bundy assistant.

The union met at Watery Branch on April 28, 1916. Elder J. T. Bundy preached and was elected moderator, Elder A. Tyndall assistant.

The union met at Saratoga on July 28, 1916. Elder R. E. Edmundson preached and was elected moderator, Elder A. Tyndall assistant.

A motion that the union was to donate one dollar to the Press at Ayden until changed by the union.

The union met at Friendship on October 27, 1916. Elder R. E. Edmundson preached and was elected moderator, Elder A. Tyndall assistant.

The union met at Aspin Grove on December 29, 1916. Elder A. Tyson preached and was elected moderator. Elder A. Tyndall assistant.

The union met at Harrell's Chapel on April 27, 1917. Elder R. E. Edmundson preached and was elected moderator, Elder J. A. Sugg assistant.

The union met at Otters Creek on July 27, 1917. There was no minister present at this union so Bro. J. E. W. Glover was elected moderator, Bro. R. L. Beamon assistant. This was the only union meeting that no minister was present. The union was carried on as before except preaching.

The union met at Antioch on September 28, 1917. Elder R. E. Edmundson preached and was elected moderator, Elder A. Tyson assistant.

The union met at Watery Branch on March 29, 1918. Elder A. Tyson preached and was elected moderator, Elder T. E. Beamon assistant. The Temperance committee submitted resolutions as follows: (1) "That we endorse the Anti-saloon Leagues movement for National prohibition." (2) "That we ask our people to abstain from the use of soft drinks, such as pepsi-cola and coca-cola, etc."

The union met at Walnut Creek on Friday, June 28, 1918. Elder T. E. Beamon preached and was elected moderator. Elder R. E. Edmundson assistant.

The union met at Free Union on Friday morning, September 27, 1918. Elder A. Tyson preached and was elected moderator. Elder R. E. Edmundson assistant. Elder J. T. Bundy joined the union at this seating.

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On Friday, December 27, 1918, the union met with Spring Branch Church in Greene County. Elder R. E. Edmundson preached the union sermon. After the sermon Elder R. E. Edmundson was elected moderator of the union and J. W. Wooten, assistant. The following committees were appointed: Devotional, Finance, Sabbath School, Temperance, Orphanage and Query. Services were held that night with Elder Edmundson leading devotions and Elder Wooten preaching.

The union reassembled at 10 a.m. the next day. The list of churches was called and responded as follows: Watery Branch, by Elder Bundy, \$2.00; Antioch, H. G. Edmundson, \$4.25; Walnut Creek, Leon Rollins, \$2.00; Saratoga, C. M. Lemons, Maggie Owens, \$3.00; Otters Creek, Benjamin Dilda, \$2.00; Friendship, W. R. Brann, Jane Tyson, \$4.00; Harrell's Chapel, C. V. Gay, Willie Bartlet, \$7.00; Spring Branch, J. E. Craft, Darsey Jones, \$4.00; Free Union not represented. Total received at this union, \$31.25. Total in treasury, \$108.48. Paid out, clerk, postage, and press, \$3.50. Balance on hand, \$104.68. \$18.30 was received for the orphanage.

A resolution endorsing the anti-saloon movement for National prohibition was adopted. The query for next union was to be "If Judas had to betray Jesus, What became of him (Judas)?"

Elder J. W. Wooten was sent to Bakers School House in Wilson County to preach for them. Elder Wooten was added to the list of ministers. The union voted to go to Saratoga in Wilson County.

On Friday, March 28, 1919, the union met at Saratoga in Wilson County. Elder J. T. Bundy preached the morning sermon and elected moderator and Elder R. E. Edmundson assistant. Services were held that night with Elder Edmundson preaching. Elder W. F. Waters preached the Saturday morning message. Elder Wooten's report was made on Bakers School House work and he was paid \$15.00 for his trips. His work was to be continued. The union voted to go to Aspin Grove in June.

The union met on June 27, 1919 with Aspin Grove. Elder J. T. Bundy preached and was elected moderator and his assistant Elder W. L. Hart. Elder Wooten was to continue his trips to Bakers School House at the expense of the union. Elder Edmundson was appointed to help in a revival when they thought it best to hold it. They were instructed to buy the school house if they could get it at a reasonable price. The Free Will Baptist, published at Ayden, North Carolina, and the New Morning Star, published at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, were recommended as papers to be read. The clerk was to be paid \$5.00 each union.

The next union was to meet at Otters Creek in Edgecombe County in August, 1919.

On August 29, 1919, the union met at Otters Creek. Elder Edmundson preached the introductory sermon and was elected moderator. Elder W. L. Hart was elected assistant moderator. Elder W. Hart preached the Friday night sermon. The union voted to purchase \$100.00 share in the Press at Ayden. \$61.00 was taken up and sent to Editor C. K. Dunn. Elder Bundy preached on Saturday morning and Sister McAdams evening and night and Bro. McAdams on Sunday.

The next union met at Friendship in Greene County on Friday, November 28, 1919. Elder E. B. Hart preached and was elected moderator, with Elder A. Tyson assistant. During the Saturday morning session, Walston's Chapel was received and added to the list of churches. A list of ministers was made beginning with the oldest, Elders A. Tyson, J. T. Bundy, R. E. Edmundson, A. Tyndall, E. B. Hart, W. L. Hart, J. A. Sugg, J. W. Wooten and E. L. Abrams. J. E. Everett and Allen Webb were Walston Chapel's first delegates. Elder Edmundson was paid \$15.00 for holding the revival at Walston's Chapel. \$21.00 was collected on press stock.

The next union met with Harrell's Chapel in Greene County on February 27, 1920. Elder A. Tyson preached and was elected moderator, Elder J. A. Sugg was elected assistant moderator. The union finished payments on the stock at the press. The last payment was \$18.00. Walstons Chapel was made a mission point at this seating.

The union of May 28, 1920, met at Antioch in Wayne County. Elder J. W. Wooten preached the introductory sermon and was elected moderator. The assistant moderator elected was Elder E. B. Hart. J. E. Craft elected assistant clerk.

Walston Chapel was continued as a mission point and \$150.00 was donated to help them. Paid to D. E. Everett.

The union convened with Walston's Chapel on Friday, August 27, 1920. Elder E. L. Abrams preached and was elected moderator. Assistant moderator, Elder A. Tyson. Elders Abrams and Wooten were sent to Edgewood School House to report what their ideas would be as to building a church and to hold a revival if they thought it best.

Walnut Creek of Wayne County had the next union on Friday, October 29, 1920. Elder J. W. Wooten preached and was elected moderator with Elder A. Tyson as assistant moderator. Resolutions of respect for Elder R. E. Edmundson were ordered to be drawn up.

The next union was held at Spring Branch on Saturday morning, January 19, 1921. Elder E. B. Hart preached. Elder A. Tyson was elected moderator and Elder E. B. Hart assistant. During this union Owens Chapel name appears for the first time. It had in the past been called Walston's Chapel.

On May 21, 1921, the union met with Saratoga. Elder J. W. Wooten preached and was elected moderator with Elder W. L. Hart the assistant. Elder Thomas E. Beamont was elected to represent the union's stock in the press at Ayden. The union went on record as favoring the Cradle Roll department in the Sunday Schools.

On July 29, 1921, the union met with Watery Branch, Wayne County. Elder J. T. Bundy preached and was elected moderator. Elder E. L. Abrams assistant moderator. Elder E. L. Abrams was instructed to get someone to assist him in a revival at Edgewood School.

The next union met with Free Union on Friday, October 28, 1921. Elder E. L. Abrams preached and was elected moderator, his assistant Brother J. E. Craft.

Edgewood Church of Edgecombe County was received into the union and its name was added to the list of churches. Elder W. L. Hart assisted Elder Abrams in the work of organizing the Edgewood School House. -

Elder E. L. Abrams was sent to Nettle School to preach until next union.

The union met with Friendship on Saturday, April 29, 1922. Elder J. W. Wooten preached and was elected moderator, Elder W. L. Hart was elected assistant moderator. Resolutions of respect were ordered drawn up for Elder E. B. Hart.

The next union met with Aspin Grove on July 29, 1922. Elder W. L. Hart preached and was elected moderator, his assistant Eld. E. L. Abrams. The college at Ayden was endorsed and \$15.36, was given to Bro. J. B. Eason to forward to the college. The union decided to go back to meeting on Friday morning.

The next union was held at Otter's Creek on Friday, October 27, 1922. Elder J. W. Wooten preached and was elected moderator, his assistant Elder E. L. Abrams. Resolution adopted to support the 18th amendment of U. S.

The next union met at Harrell's Chapel on December 29, 1922. Elder W. A. Tyson preached and was elected moderator, his assistant Eld. W. L. Hart.

Union of April 27, 1923, met at Antioch. Elder A. Tyson preached and was elected moderator with W. L. Hart assistant moderator. Communion services were held on Saturday after union closed. The union voted to meet on Saturday next time.

The next union was held at Owen's Chapel on Saturday, July 28, 1923. Elder A. Tyson preached and was elected moderator, with Elder E. L. Abrams assistant. Bro. Marshall Joyner requested a delegate to his union which was the Central Union. Bro. J. S. Sasser was the delegate to the next Central Union.

On September 28, 1923, the union met at Edgewood Church in Edgecombe County. Elder W. L. Hart preached and was elected moderator. Elder J. W. Wooten served as Clerk and Treasurer in the absence of R. R. Bailey.

The union met with Walnut Creek Church in Wayne County on December 29, 1923. Elder M. E. Tyson preached and was elected moderator. Elder E. L. Abrams was elected assistant moderator. J. W. Rollins was elected clerk pro tem.

The union met with Saratoga Church in Wilson County on March 29, 1924. Elder E. L. Abrams preached and was elected moderator, the assistant was Elder J. W. Wooten.

Ministers present were: J. W. Wooten, E. L. Abrams, M. C. Tyson, and J. H. Little. E. B. Joyner, minister, and R. C. Proctor, licensed; absentees, A. Tyson, J. A. Sugg, W. L. Hart and T. C. Beamon. There were three Ladies Aids at this union, Free Union, Watery Branch and Otters Creek.

On Saturday, June 28, 1924, the union met at Spring Branch Church. Eld. M. E. Tyson preached and was elected moderator. Elder E. B. Joyner was elected assistant moderator. The Woman's Home Mission Board was organized at this union. Mrs. W. T. Wooten, President and Mrs. Nannie Coley, Secretary and

Treasurer. The Home Mission Board's report of this union was made by J. B. Eason.

The union met with Watery Branch on August 30, 1924. Eld. J. W. Wooten preached and was elected moderator and W. L. Hart assistant moderator. E. B. Joyner was elected delegate to the State Convention from this union.

On November 29, 1924, the union met with Free Union in Greene County. Eld. E. B. Joyner preached and was elected moderator and J. W. Wooten assistant. J. C. Varnell, licensed minister from Owens Chapel, was received into the union.

The first district Sunday School Temporary Convention was organized at this union, J. W. Wooten President, E. L. Abrams Vice-President, and Jessie Gay, Secretary and Treasurer. Executive Committee: Sisters W. T. Wooten and L. E. Coley, Bros. J. H. Little and Barney Kirby. We have no record of results of this work. Bro. Joyner stated that the State Convention abolished sending ministers as delegates to State Convention.

When the union met with Friendship on March 28, 1925, Eld. E. B. Joyner preached and was elected moderator. Assistant moderator M. E. Tyson.

On May 30, 1925, the union met at Aspin Grove. Eld. J. W. Wooten preached and was elected moderator, J. C. Varnell assistant. At this union a committee composed of E. L. Abrams, Jessie Proctor and J. B. Eason for the purpose of ascertaining what a tent would cost to be used in this union. W. L. Hart and M. E. Tyson were appointed to draw up resolutions of respect for Eld. J. A. Sugg.

The union met at Otters Creek on August 29, 1925. Eld. J. K. Ruffin of the Western Conference preached. Eld. W. L. Hart was elected moderator and R. C. Proctor assistant.

A resolution made at this union was "That the pastor of each church in the 4th union urge each member of each church to attend Sunday School as much as one Sunday in each month."

Eld. E. B. Joyner preached when the union met at Harrell's Chapel on November 28, 1925. Eld. Joyner was elected moderator and Bro. R. H. Mason assistant. The union voted to assist Eld. Abrams in the home mission at Tarboro. Bro. Abrams was asked to help Bro. Mason in his mission work.

On January 30, 1926, the union met at Antioch with Eld. E. B. Joyner preaching, Eld. Joyner was elected moderator.

The union met at Owen's Chapel on May 26, 1926. Eld. A. Tyson preached and was elected moderator. J. W. Wooten assistant. Bro. E. L. Abrams resigned as Chairman of Home Mission Board and Bro. Jessie Gay replaced him.

On August 28, 1926, the union met at Edgewood. Eld. E. B. Joyner preached and was elected moderator, J. F. Abrams assistant.

Dilda's Grove was received under the watch care of the union until the conference received them. George Owens and Benjamin Dilda were the delegates from Dilda's Grove.

Eld. D. W. Alexander preached when the union met at Saratoga on October 30, 1926. Eld. Abrams elected moderator, Eld. Wooten assistant. Daniel's Chapel was received into the union at this seating. Delegates were W. H. Goodwin and J. E. Caton. The preacher of the 4th union getting most subscriptions in the next three months was to receive five dollars in gold. Eld. J. W. Wooten preached when the union met at Walnut Creek on January 28, 1927, and was elected moderator, Eld. Hart assistant.

The union met at Dilda's Grove on May 28, 1927. Eld. W. H. Laughinghouse of the Second union preached. Eld. M. E. Tyson was elected moderator and W. L. Hart assistant. The ministers were requested to preach two temperance sermons a year.

The union met at Daniel's Chapel on July 30, 1927. Eld. E. B. Joyner preached and was elected moderator, J. C. Varnell assistant. The ministers were requested to preach four temperance sermons a year.

The union met at Spring Branch on October 29, 1927. Eld. Jernigan preached. Eld. M. E. Tyson was elected moderator and Eld. J. W. Wooten assistant moderator.

The union met at Watery Branch on January 28, 1928. Eld. M. E. Tyson preached and was elected moderator.

The union met at Free Union on April 28, 1928. Eld. W. L. Hart preached and was elected moderator. Eld. J. W. Wooten assistant moderator. R. H. Mason and J. C. Varnell were licentiates present. The Tarboro Church represented by M. E. Tyson for Eld. Jernigan. A motion was passed to elect the moderator for twelve months. Eld. M. E. Tyson was elected.

The union met with Friendship on July 28, 1928. Eld. W. A. Dail preached. W. W. Worthington, Jesse Cobb and Barney Kirby were the Query committee for the next union.

The union met with Aspin Grove on September 29, 1928. Eld. R. C. Proctor preached. Eld. E. L. Abrams the assistant moderator was made moderator and Eld. J. W. Wooten assistant. Eld. H. T. Sowers was received into the union. Eld. R. H. Mason was granted a letter of dismissal to join a union nearer him. The Tarboro Church was represented by Mrs. M. Howell. The union requested the pastor to preach one Sunday School Sermon quarterly.

The union met on December 30, 1928 at Otter's Creek. Eld. H. T. Sowers preached.

On March 30, 1929, the union met at Antioch. Assistant Clerk J. E. Craft served in the absence of the clerk, R. R. Bailey.

Tarboro listed the last time.

The union met at Saratoga on June 29, 1929. Eld. J. W. Wooten preached. Sabbath School committee reported on schools at Antioch, Free Union, Owen's Chapel, Edgewood, Saratoga. Eld. W. L. Hart was elected moderator for the next 12 months. The Treasurer of Home Mission reported on hand \$156.34.

The union met at Walnut Creek on September 28, 1929. Eld. E. L. Abrams preached. Eld. Proctor resigned from program committee and was replaced by Eld. J. F. Abrams as chairman.

On December 28, 1929 the union met with Dilda's Grove. Eld. W. L. Hart preached. A motion was passed to meet on Friday at 11 a. m. in the future.

The union met on Friday, March 29, 1930 at Owen's Chapel. Eld. W. L. Hart preached.

The union met at Daniels Chapel on June 27, 1930. Eld Laughinghouse of the 2nd union preached. Eld. Abrams was elected moderator for the next 12 months.

The union met at Edgewood on August 29, 1930. Eld. Proctor preached. A resolution calling for an emergency fund was carried.

The union met at Spring Branch on November 28, 1930. Eld. J. H. Little preached. Eld. A. Tyndall was enrolled on retired list. By motion the Emergency Fund was to be kept separate.

The union met at Harrell's Chapel on March 27, 1931. Eld. Varnell preached. The union voted to meet on Saturday in the future at 10 a. m.

On May 30, 1931 the union met with Watery Branch. A committee was appointed to draw up resolutions of Eld. J. H. Little. Eld. C. H. Denton was received into the union. Each delegate was to report on the Sunday School work of his church. It was recommended that each church have a committee to work on behalf of the orphanage. Bro. R. R. Bailey was extended a rising vote of thanks for his faithful service rendered for the past 23 years. Eld. Varnell was elected moderator and Eld. Tyson assistant for the next 12 months.

The union met at Free Union on October 29, 1932. Eld. C. H. Denton preached.

The union met at Friendship on November 28, 1932. Eld. Hart preached. Riverside Church at old Sparta was received into the union. Delegate D. R. Oliver and wife. A committee to draw up resolutions of respect for deceased Elds. E. B. Hart, J. A. Sugg and J. H. Little.

\$25.00 was donated to Riverside Church with an understanding that Bro. D. R. Oliver get a warranted deed.

The union met at Riverside Church in Edgecombe County on January 30, 1932. The union voted to pay Mr. Lawrence 6% interest on price of Riverside Church and the union get a preacher and pay his expenses till the fall. The Home Mission was to pay \$3.00 a trip for Riverside Church and they choose their pastor. The motion to give \$25.00 to Riverside made at last union was rescinded because the mission board and union had agreed to pay interest on purchase price until the fall. The ladies were asked to give their Sunday eggs to the orphanage.

On May 28, 1932, the union met at Aspin Grove. Eld. Sowers preached. Eld. M. E. Tyson was elected moderator for the next year. Bro. Clifton Gardner elected president of our Vocal Union.

The union met July 30, 1932 at Antioch. Eld. M. E. Tyson preached. Bro. W. H. Craft was received as a licensed minister at this union.

On Oct. 29, 1932 the union met at Otters Creek. At this union we note the change from Elder to Reverend with both being used for a number of years. Rev. J. W. Wooten preached.

On January 28, 1933 the union met at Saratoga.

The Vocal Union met on Sunday at Saratoga, with C. H. Denton, president, and J. R. Pittman, Secretary. The program was made up of Sunday School, preaching by Rev. W. L. Hart, singing and a business session.

The union met at Walnut Creek on April 29, 1933. Elder Abrams preached. The La Grange Church was received into the union at this seating. The Vocal Union met on Sunday. Mr. Frank L. Walston brought a message on Sacred Music. Eld. M. E. Tyson acted as president and R. R. Bailey, secretary.

The union met at Dilda's Grove in July, 1933. No record of minutes.

The union met at La Grange on October 28, 1933. Eld. C. J. Harris preached. Elder Sowers was elected moderator for next year and Elder Hart assistant. Elder J. H. Edwards was received into the union. Sabbath School report, each church have a follow up committee to work with new church members; visiting committee to visit absentees; and a welcome committee to welcome visitors. The Vocal Union met on Sunday.

The union met on December 30, 1933 at Spring Branch Church. Elder J. H. Edwards preached. Bro. N. L. Guplon was received as a member of the union. By motion all funds be brought into the union in a lump sum and the union divide as they see fit. Bro. J. B. Eason was instructed to finish paying Riverside Church out of Home Mission money.

The Union met at Owen's Chapel on April 28, 1934. Eld. M. E. Tyson preached. Eld. L. B. Manning was received into the union. Balance in treasury at this union ten cents.

On July 28, 1934 the union met at Daniels Chapel. Eld. Abrams preached. Eld. L. B. Manning was elected moderator and Eld. Abrams assistant.

The next union met at Edgewood September 29, 1934. Eld. Hart preached. The number of churches in the union at this time was 16.

On December 29, 1934 the union met at Harrell's Chapel. Eld. L. B. Manning preached.

The union met with Watery Branch on Saturday, March 30, 1935. Bro. W. L. Jernigan was received into the union at this seating. Eld. L. B. Manning preached. Each church was requested to send one dollar to the union for Retired Ministers Fund. A committee was appointed to draw up resolutions of respect for Bro. W. H. Craft.

The union met with Otters Creek June 29, 1935. Eld. L. B. Manning preached. At this union Bro. W. M. Hardison was elected treasurer of the retired min-

isters fund. Eld. W. L. Jernigan was appointed to represent the union in the next meeting of the Press Board in Ayden. The union voted to give Miss Laura Belle Barnard, who was contemplating work on the foreign field, \$5.00 a union for a year and as much as the union saw fit to give thereafter. The union voted to adopt a child at the orphanage at this seating. Eld. N. D. Beamon was elected moderator and Eld. W. L. Jernigan assistant moderator.

The union met with Friendship on September 28, 1935. Eld. W. L. Jernigan preached. The Sunday School and Temperance Committees were appointed for twelve months. Blands Chapel was received into the union at this seating making seventeen churches in the union. There was nothing left in the treasury at this union.

The union met at Free Union on December 28, 1935. Eld. W. L. Hart preached. Bro. J. H. Edwards was granted a letter to the Cape Fear Conference at this union.

The union met at Aspin Grove on March 28, 1936. All committees were appointed for 12 months. A motion was passed to record the names of the ministers as they appeared in the minutes of the conference and when the list is called that each stand to his feet and be marked present. There was \$40.05 in the retired ministers fund as reported by Bro. Hardison. A committee was appointed to draw up resolutions of respect for Bro. W. R. Brann. The union agreed to take 5 shares of stock in the F. W. B. Press and pay \$10.00 at each union until they were all paid for.

The union met at Antioch on May 30, 1936. Eld. L. B. Manning preached. Miss Mollie Edmundson agreed to go to Camp Leach, Washington, N. C.

The union met at Saratoga on August 29, 1936. Blands Chapel was not represented at this union and had not since it was received into the union. Rev. M. E. Tyson preached. Mrs. Paul Thigpen and Barney Kirby were delegates for the union to the State Convention. The union voted to use the money in the retired ministers fund for the orphan girls tuition to go to school and to replace the money in the ministers retirement fund. A motion was made to put the girl in Campbell College. Bro. J. D. Vernelson was made moderator for 12 months. Mrs. Paul Thigpen, president of the Vocal Union.

The union met at Walnut Creek on November 28, 1936. Rev. W. A. Dail preached.

The union met at Spring Branch on January 30, 1937. Bro. Hardison resigned as treasurer of the Retired Ministers Fund and Bro. Ernest Baker was elected to replace him. A motion was passed that the churches desiring the union make petition and the church receiving most votes would entertain the union.

The union met on May 29, 1937, at Daniels Chapel. Bro. P. C. Wiggs' name was added to the list of ministers as a licensed minister. Rev. M. E. Tyson preached.

The union met on August 28, 1937 at Antioch. Sister Paul Thigpen resigned from the Vocal Union and Bro. Earnest Baker was elected to replace her. Bro. E.

D. Hamilton was elected secretary. Rev. Chester Pelt preached. Rev. E. L. Abrams was elected moderator for 12 months and Rev. W. L. Hart assistant moderator.

The union met at Owens Chapel on October 30, 1937. Rev. L. B. Manning preached. \$25.00 was donated to the orphanage Building Fund at this seating. Each church was asked to send twenty-five cents per member for the orphanage.

The union met on January 29, 1838 at Otters Creek. Rev. Bruce Barrow preached.

The union met on May 28, 1938 at La Grange Church. Rev. S. H. Oakes preached. By motion the union gave the 5th Sunday to the ladies and their work.

The union met on July 29, 1938 at Dilda's Grove. Rev. L. B. Manning preached. Rev. L. B. Manning was elected moderator and Rev. P. C. Wiggs assistant moderator. C. D. Hamilton and L. S. Tyson were received into the union as licensed ministers.

The union met with Edgewood on October 29, 1938. Rev. M. E. Tyson preached. Blands Chapel represented at this union with Jacob Briley the first recorded delegate.

On January 28, 1939, the union met with Spring Branch Church. Rev. N. D. Beamon preached.

The union met with Aspin Grove on April 29, 1939. Rev. M. E. Tyson preached.

On July 29, 1939 the union met at the Saratoga church. Rev. M. E. Tyson preached.

The union met with Friendship on October 29, 1939. Rev. P. C. Wiggs preached, and was elected moderator.

The union met at Free Union on December 30, 1939. At this seating of the union Howell Swamp was received into the union. Bro. A. H. Gay represented Howell Swamp. Bro. J. C. Varnell was granted a letter of recommendation to the 2nd union of the Western Conference. Rev. P. C. Wiggs preached.

The union met with Antioch on March 30, 1940. Rev. L. B. Manning preached.

The union met with Otters Creek on June 29, 1940. (No Minutes).

The union met with La Grange on September 28, 1940. Rev. M. E. Tyson preached. A Home Mission Board was appointed. They were J. B. Eason, Treasurer; W. L. Hart, E. L. Abrams, and J. R. Pittman.

The union met with Walnut Creek on December 28, 1940. Rev. P. C. Wiggs preached. Bro. W. M. Hardison was to represent the union's stock at the Stockholders meeting in Ayden.

The union met at Owen's Chapel on Saturday before 5th Sunday in 1941. (No Minutes).

The union met at Edgewood on June 28, 1941. Rev. S. A. Smith preached. Rev. C. D. Hamilton was elected moderator and Rev. W. L. Hart assistant moderator.

The union met with Howell Swamp on August 29, 1941. An educational committee was appointed. They were W. L. Hart, N. D. Beamon and L. B. Manning. Each church was urged to send a special donation at each seating of the union. This fund was to be used for worthy ministers in the bounds of the union, who desired to better prepare themselves for the ministry. Rev. N. D. Beamon preached.

On November 29, 1941, the union met at Daniels Chapel. Bro. W. E. Richardson was received as a licensed minister into the union. The Little Creek Church of Virginia was received into the union at this seating. Rev. W. E. Richardson preached.

The union met at Dildas Grove on March 28, 1942. Rev. L. B. Manning preached. Dewey Tyson was received into the union as an ordained minister at this seating of the union. A committee, composing of Brothers Hart and Tyson, was appointed to have some tracts printed on "Temperance."

The union met with Aspin Grove on May 30, 1942. Rev. M. E. Tyson preached.

On August 29, 1942 the union met with the La Grange Church. Rev. W. L. Hart preached.

The union met with Spring Branch on November 28, 1942. Rev. Dewey Tyson preached. Bro. Barney Kirby was appointed treasurer to replace the late J. B. Eason of the Home Mission Board. Bro. J. E. Edmundson was appointed treasurer of the Student Fund. The union voted to get envelopes for delegates to report to union.

The union met on Saturday before 5th Sunday in January, 1943, at Saratoga. Rev. M. E. Tyson preached.

The union met with Otters Creek on May 29, 1943. Rev. Marshall Joyner was received into the union as an ordained minister. N. L. Gripton requested that his name be dropped from licensed ministers list. Rev. J. W. Wooten preached. The Six Point programs was adopted at this seating of the union.

On August 28, 1943 the union met at Friendship. Rev. N. D. Beamon preached. Rev. Marshall Joyner was elected moderator and W. L. Hart assistant. R. R. Bailey, Clerk.

The union met with Free Union on October 30, 1943. Rev. C. D. Hamilton preached.

The union met at Owens Chapel on January 29, 1944. Rev. P. C. Wiggs preached. The various Boards were empowered to use their money as they saw fit.

On April 29, 1944 the union met at Daniels Chapel. Rev. C. D. Hamilton preached.

The union met with Aspin Grove on July 29, 1944. Rev. R. C. Proctor

preached. Rev. L. B. Manning was elected as moderator and Rev. W. L. Hart assistant, R. R. Bailey Clerk.

The union met at Watery Branch in October, 1944. (No Minutes).

The union met at the La Grange church on December 30, 1944. Rev. C. D. Hamilton preached.

The union met at Antioch church on April 28, 1945. On April 29, 1945 R. R. Bailey having served as clerk of the 4th union for over 36 years, resigned due to ill health. John Ed. Edmundson of the Antioch Church of Wayne County was elected clerk, J. E. Craft assistant. Rev. C. D. Hamilton preached.

On July 28, 1945 the union met at Saratoga Church. Rev. Denton a visiting minister preached.

The union met at Spring Branch on September 29, 1945. Rev. P. C. Wiggs preached. Rev. L. B. Manning was elected moderator, Rev. W. L. Hart assistant and John E. Edmundson clerk. The union accepted the responsibility of raising \$100.00 for the Assembly Camp.

The union met at Otters Creek on December 29, 1945. Rev. L. B. Manning preached.

The union met at Friendship on March 30, 1946. The churches were all present, total 16. Rev. P. C. Wiggs preached.

The union met at La Grange June 1946. Rev. W. E. Richardson requested that his name be dropped because he had joined another union. Little Creek probably joined too. Rev. R. C. Proctor preached.

The union voted to elect officers each year at the last session before the conference. The Officers for 1947 were: Moderator Rev. J. D. Vernelson; assistant moderator, Rev. C. D. Hamilton; Clerk, John Ed. Edmundson; and Treasurer, J. C. Cobb. The money raised for worthy students was divided among the churches having Vacation Bible Schools.

The union met at Dildas Grove on December 28, 1946. Rev. T. P. Ellies name was added to the list of ministers. Rev. L. B. Manning preached.

The union met at Aspin Grove on March 29, 1947. Rev. N. D. Beamon preached. A committee to draw up by laws to govern this union was appointed. W. L. Hart, J. P. Killebrew, P. C. Wiggs, C. D. Hamilton, and L. B. Manning made up the committee.

The union met on June 29, 1947 at Antioch. Rev. C. D. Hamilton preached. The union approved the by laws at this seating of the union.

The union met at Daniels Chapel on August 30, 1947. Rev. L. B. Manning preached. Churches holding Vacation Bible Schools were, Antioch, Spring Branch, La Grange, Howell Swamp, Friendship and Saratoga. Officers elected were, C. D. Hamilton, moderator; P. C. Wiggs, Vice moderator; J. E. Edmundson, Clerk, and J. C. Cobb, treasurer.

The union met at Edgewood on November 29, 1947. The vice moderator was requested to get envelopes for use at the next union.

The union met at Owens Chapel on February 28, 1948. Rev. L. B. Manning preached. Revs. P. C. Wiggs and L. B. Manning were requested to investigate the welfare of Riverside and then hold a meeting at their earliest convenience.

The union met at Howells Swamp on May 29, 1948. Rev. P. C. Wiggs preached.

The union met at Free Union on August 28, 1948. Rev. L. B. Manning served as moderator, Rev. L. B. Manning preached. Mrs. John E. Edmundson acted as clerk for this union.

The union met at Saratoga on October 30, 1948. A committee to stimulate interest, advise, and criticize the union was appointed to serve 12 months. They were P. C. Wiggs, E. L. Abrams and R. C. Proctor. Rev. N. D. Beamon preached. Officers elected for 1949 were moderator; Rev. P. C. Wiggs; Vice moderator, Rev. R. C. Proctor; Clerk, Hubert Burress; Treasurer, J. C. Cobb.

The union met at Friendship on January 29, 1949. Rev. C. D. Hamilton preached.

On May 28, 1949 the union met at Spring Branch. Riverside's name was dropped. Rev. T. P. Ellis was received into the union as an ordained minister. Rev. T. P. Ellis preached. The union voted to sponsor a "Teachers Training Course." Rev. N. D. Beamon, Rev. R. C. Proctor and Hubert Burress were appointed as a committee to carry out this work.

The union met at La Grange on July 30, 1949. Rev. P. C. Wiggs preached.

The union met at Harrells Chapel on October 29, 1949. Rev. W. L. Hart preached. Officers for 1950 were elected. They were: Moderator, Rev. R. C. Proctor; Vice Moderator, Rev. H. T. Sowers; Clerk, Hubert Burress; Treasurer, J. C. Cobb.

The union met at Daniel's Chapel on January 28, 1950. Rev. L. B. Manning preached. Due to impossible roads the union voted to meet at Black Creek School on Sunday. J. C. Cobb was by motion to represent the union in Church Finance. Rev. N. D. Beamon was by motion to represent the union in Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden.

The union met at Spring Branch on April 29, 1950. A. J. Tyson was elected to fill the unexpired term. J. C. Cobb deceased. The union stood for a few minutes in silence in memory of Bro. Cobb. Rev. J. D. Vernelson preached. The union voted for the moderator to buy flowers for any minister or officer in case of death. The union granted permission to organize a Free Will Baptist League union in the 4th union bounds at the meeting place of the union at Saratoga. The union voted to pay the treasurer of the union \$5.00 at each seating of the union.

The union met at Saratoga on July 29, 1950. Rev. A. G. Baker preached.

The union met at Aspin Grove on October 28, 1950. Rev. E. L. Abrams preached. The union voted to use programs at the union in the future. Officers for

1950-51 were: Moderator, Rev. R. C. Proctor; Vice-moderator, Rev. H. T. Sowers; Clerk, Hubert Burrese; Treasurer, A. J. Tyson.

The union met at Otters Creek on December 30, 1950. Rev. L. B. Manning was granted a letter to join the 2nd union. Hubert Burrese was received into the union as a licensed minister. Rev. W. L. Hart preached. A. J. Tyson resigned as treasurer and was replaced by Howard Cayton.

The union met at Antioch on April 28, 1951. Rev. E. L. Abrams preached. Rev. W. L. Hart was by motion to represent the union in Church Finance. An Educational Fund was started at this union with an offering of \$21.43. This fund was to be used for students within the bounds of the 4th union.

The union met at Watery Branch on July 28, 1951. Rev. R. W. Allman was received into the union as an ordained minister. Rev. T. P. Ellis preached. Officers for 1951-52 were: Moderator, Rev. T. P. Ellis; assistant moderator, Rev. W. L. Hart; Clerk, Rev. Hubert Burrese; Treasurer, Howard Cayton.

The union met on December 29, 1951 at Owens Chapel. Rev. Hubert Burrese was received into the union as an ordained minister. Rev. R. C. Proctor, Barney Kirby and Rev. C. D. Hamilton were appointed to draw up rules and regulations for disbursing the Education Funds. Rev. W. L. Hart preached. Revs. C. D. Hamilton, W. L. Hart and R. W. Allman were appointed work on a revision of the Constitution and By Laws.

The union met at Edgewood on March 29, 1952. Rev. W. L. Hart preached. The union adopted Roberts Rules of order as a rule for parliamentary usage. Rev. J. D. Vernelson was granted a letter to the 2nd union.

The union met at La Grange on June 28, 1952. Rev. Hubert Burrese preached.

The union met at Howell Swamp on August 30, 1952. The Educational Board was set up at this seating of the union with power to make loans. Rev. W. L. Hart, Rev. C. D. Hamilton, Rev. R. C. Proctor, Mr. John Edmundson and Mr. Lee Jones were placed on the committee. Rev. S. A. Smith preached. Officers for year 1952-53: Moderator, Rev. W. L. Hart; assistant moderator; Rev. R. W. Allman; Clerk, Rev. Hubert Burrese; Treasurer, Howard Cayton.

The union met at Friendship on November 29, 1952. Rev. N. D. Beamon was elected to represent the union's stock in the press. Rev. T. P. Ellis was elected to represent the union's stock in Church Finance. Rev. W. L. Hart preached. Rev. W. B. Raper was received into the union as an ordained minister.

The union met at Daniels Chapel on March 28, 1953. Rev. C. D. Hamilton preached. In an effort to improve the union, a motion was passed to have a standing program committee. Two committees are to report each seating of the union. The two reporting would have a place on the program. This was put into effect at the seating of the union held at Dilda's Grove May 30, 1953.

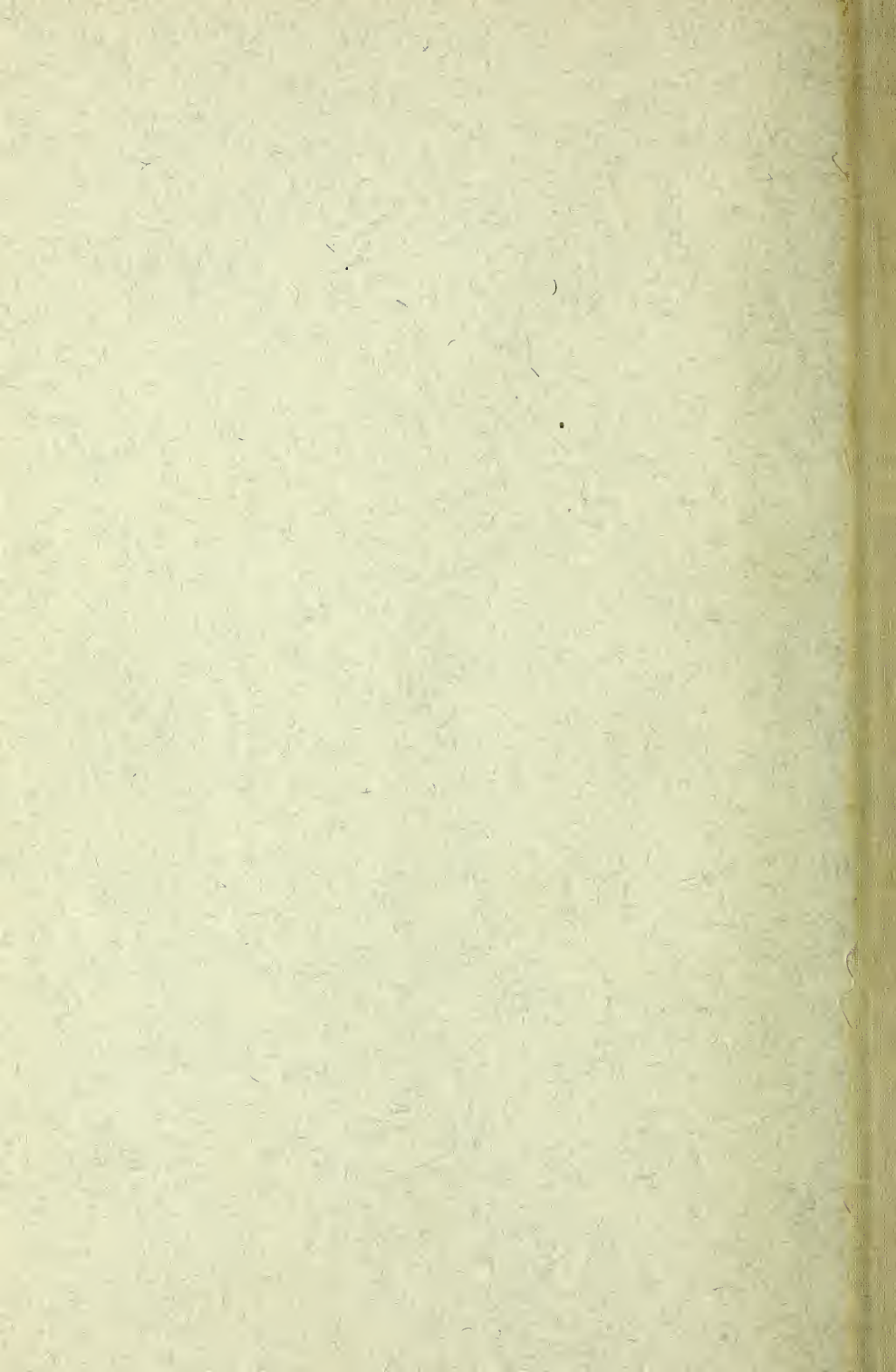
The union met at Dilda's Grove on May 30, 1953. Rev. J. D. Vernelson preached.

The union met at Free Union on August 29, 1953. Rev. C. L. Patrich preach-

ed. Officers for 1953-54 were: Moderator, W. L. Hart; Vice moderator, Rev. R. W. Allman; Clerk, Rev. Hubert Burress; Treasurer, Howard Cayton.

The union met at Aspin Grove on November 28, 1953. The union voted to meet in alphabetical order starting at Aspin Grove. The union elected Rev. Hubert Burress as Historian. This was the first time the union has ever had a historian.

This concludes the history of the 4th union for the past 51 years. We hope the union will continue to make history.



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